CITY OF MILPITAS SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes: Senior Advisory Commission

Date of Meeting: December 28, 2004

Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room

A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE

Chairperson Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Denny Weisgerber, Bal Daquigan, Mary Banick, Amanda

Santos, Albert Wang, Joanne Wood and Joyce Dovlet

Commissioners Absent: Ed Conner and Milo Larsen

Alternates Present: Barbara Ebright and Kathryn Manento

Council Liaison Absent: Althea Polanski, Councilmember

Staff Present: Kathleen Yurchak, Recreation Services Supervisor

C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

Barbara Ebright was seated for Milo Larsen and Kathryn Manento was seated for Ed Connor.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: To adopt the Agenda.

M/S: Daquigan /Wang. Ayes: Unanimous.

E. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the October 26, 2004, Senior Advisory Commission meeting.

M/S: Ebright/Banick. Ayes: Unanimous.

F. FINANCIAL REPORT

Supervisor Yurchak explained that there had been no account activity.

MOTION: Note receipt and file.

M/S: Dovlet /Wood. Ayes: Unanimous.

G. CITIZEN FORUM

Carmen Montano from the Library Advisory Commission addressed the Commission and shared information on the library renovation project, distributed library card applications and explained the that the Library Advisory Commission is making an effort to outreach to other commissions.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Supervisor Yurchak reviewed the items listed in the agenda highlighting the upcoming community events and holidays. Chairperson Weisgerber announced that he attended a presentation from the Coalition For Aging, Stroke Crisis Center, and that he would like to see this same presentation offered at the Senior Center as he felt it was very informative and many people could benefit from the information. Police Captain Tom Nishisaka announced that he would be the Acting Police Chief as of January 3, 2005, filling in for Chief Lawson, who became the Acting City Manager on December 21, 2004.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Walk a Golden Mile

Commissioner Banick informed the Commissioner that her contact from the Great Mall, Jennifer Munn was transferred to Los Angeles, so her new contact for the Walk A Golden Mile is now Christina Sanchez. Commissioner Banick stated that she has not been able to contact Ms. Sanchez and she will provide another update at the next Commission meeting.

2. Senior Corps

Commissioner Weisgerber asked that this item be reagendized to the next meeting due to Commissioner Larsens absence.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2005 CPRS Awards and Volunteer Recognition Event

Supervisor Yurchak explained that the Annual CPRS Awards and Volunteer Recognition Event would be held on Thursday, February 17, 2005. Traditionally the Senior Advisory Commission has nominated a Senior Center volunteer to be nominated for this award. Supervisor Yurchak distributed descriptions of staff's recommendations of Senior Center volunteers and Commissioners reviewed the descriptions and anonymously submitted their nominations.

2. Senior Advisory Commission Bylaws: Members At Large Positions

Currently the Senior Advisory Commission's Bylaws indicate that two of its Commissioners hold "Members At Large" positions, which require members/participants of the Milpitas Senior Center to "elect" them into the positions. The Mayor, with approval from the City Council, appoints all other Commission positions. When a Members At Large seat becomes vacant, a "special election" takes place at the Senior Center. The election can take several months to complete, due to the time required for staff to announce the need for candidates and the election dates in the bi-monthly Senior Newsletter, and hold the election. The Commission discussed the topic and inquired if this would impact Commission's current positions. Supervisor Yurchak stated that the Member At Large Commissioners would remain on the Commission and when there is a vacancy with a Member At Large position the Mayor would appoint a new Commissioner instead of holding an election.

Motion: Recommended to City Council to change the Senior Advisory Commission Bylaws, to eliminate the Member At Large positions and allow the Mayor to appoint all Commission vacancies with approval from the City Council.

M/S: Wood/Ebright. Ayes: Unanimous.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF REPORTS

1.1 Recreation Services

Supervisor Yurchak read the report as noted on page 2 of the agenda.

1.2 Senior Center Nutrition

Supervisor Yurchak read the report as noted on page 3 of the agenda.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 City Council

No report

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Commission

Chairperson Weisegerber reported from his November meeting that VTA was conducting public hearings regarding increasing transit fees.

2.3 AARP

Commissioner Banick reported that on December 22, through donated money received at the Sock Hop, totaling \$100, four families received donated meals for the holidays.

2.4 Arts Commission

No report

2.5 Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission

No report

2.6 50th Anniversary Update

Commissioner Santos announced that the committee's next meeting would be held on January 6, 2005.

3. Future Agenda Items

Alternative Transportation Concept Walk A Golden Mile Update

M. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2005, at 1:30 pm, in the City Hall Committee Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Yurchak, Recreation Services Supervisor